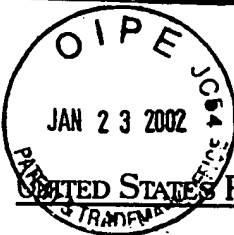


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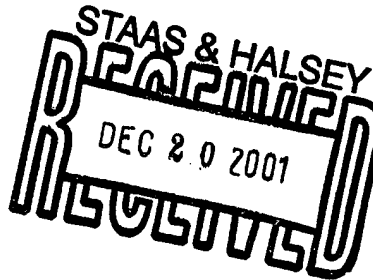
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### Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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<b>RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS</b>		Attorney Docket No.	826.1772
		Application Number	09/994,792
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Title:	IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS
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In response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed December 14, 2001 for the above-identified application, enclosed are the following:

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Since the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application set an original due date of February 14, 2002, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110)); (2 months (\$390)); (3 months (\$890)); (4 months (\$1,390)); (5 months (\$1,890)):

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Signature		Date	1/23/02



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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed February 14, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on February 14, 2002.

The Office objected to the drawings as containing non-English text and required correction in substitute drawings.

The invention is an image processing system that removes background noise from images (see, for example, the Abstract and claim 1). The images processed can include text of a language. The figures of the present application that include non-English text are figures that include sample images that may have background noise (see figures 2 - 6, 10, 12 - 14, 16 - 18, 20 - 24, 27, 29, 30, 32 and 33). The images just happen to have the non-English text. The non-English text itself does not have any particular significance. The meaning of the text of these figures is irrelevant to the invention being described. It is important to preserve the images as they were filed rather than substitute an image with a translation of the text so that the processing by the invention can be understood. The substitution of a translation for the text in the images would tend to destroy the teachings with respect to image processing that are being shown and taught by these figures.

It is respectfully submitted that substitute drawings with translations of the non-English text is not necessary and it is requested that the requirement for such substitute drawings be withdrawn.


Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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